## **Japanese Calendar Exhibition 2014**

On Saturday, January 25, 2014, the Embassy of Japan hosted "the Japanese Calendar Exhibition 2014" at the Hotel Four Seasons in Kingston from 1pm to 4pm. During the Exhibition, the logo of 50th Anniversary of Japan-Jamaica Diplomatic Relations was announced. The Exhibition was well attended by approximately 450 people, including Ministers.

The Japanese calendars donated by the Japanese Calendar Association was exhibited and enjoyed by the participants. Also, various aspects of Japanese culture were introduced: demonstration of Budo-martial arts- such as Aikido and Karate, gymnastics and synchronized swimming, cultural performance of flower arrangement by Ikebana International and Japanese anime cosplay by JA Cosplayaz as well as Origami-Japanese paper craft art, shodo-calligraphy, water balloons and balloon art to name a few. Many people also participated in Japanese quiz competition.





(left) Opening remarks by Ambassador Takase

(right) Announcement of logo of 50th Anniversary of Japan-Jamaica Diplomatic Relations





(left) Honorable Mr. and Mrs. Hylton, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce participated to enjoy Japanese culture

(right) Representative of Jamaican Olympic Team to Tokyo Olympic in 1964, the first Olympic Games to which Jamaica participated 50 years ago, also came





(left) Visitors enjoyed watching Calendars sent from Japan (right) The Embassy handed out the calendars to the participants who joined Japanese cultural activities to their joy